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Dear Ms. Renata Hesse:

Please put a stop to the economically-draining witch-hunt against Microsoft. This has gone on long enough. If the same standards were applied against all corporations as have been applied against Microsoft, half of the nation's corporations would be out of business. How can a monopoly be "enjoyed" if a company loses 2/3 of its value? Thanks to the initial suit and its supporters, our stock market crashed.

Microsoft has already agreed to hide its Internet Explorer icon from the desktop; the fact is, this case against Microsoft is little more than "welfare" for Netscape and other Microsoft competitors, with not a nickel going to those SUPPOSEDLY harmed by Microsoft: the computer user. But the user has always had ample choices, so the whole thing has been a hoax right from the beginning. Shame on our Justice Department.

This is just another method for states to get free money, and a terrible precedent for the future, not only in terms of computer technology, but all sorts of innovations in the most dynamic industry the world has ever seen.

Please put a stop to this travesty of justice now. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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